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SUBJECT: PARIS EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND MET SEPTEMBER 11 WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL OF THE FONOFF TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON THE RECENT PARIS MEETING OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS (SEPTELS ON CSCE AND THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE). VAN WELL REPORTED THAT THE MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF GISCARD TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNITY AND RELATIONS WITH THE US HAS FILTERED DOWN TO HIS SUBORDINATES. THE QUESTION OF EC-GREEK RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WERE EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED. CERTAIN UN ISSUES WERE ALSO CONSIDERED. END SUMMARY.

1. VAN WELL REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL EASING OF FRENCH INTRANSIGENCE REGARDING US-EC RELATIONSHIPS. GISCARD HAS PUT HIS FOOT DOWN EVEN WITH HOLDOVERS FROM THE POMPIDOU REGIME. AS A RESULT, THERE IS A MUCH GREATER WILLINGNESS TO INFORM THE US OF WHAT THE EC IS DOING AND THINKING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRENCH CHAIRMAN HAD STATED THAT HE WOULD INFORM THE US AMBASSADOR ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSIONS. IN LIKE FASHION, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO MUCH MORE WILLING TO COORDINATE POLICY WITH THE FRG.

2. VAN WELL CONFIRMED PREVIOUS REPORTS OF GISCARD'S DESIRE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE DURING THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EC-9. HIS PROPOSAL IS FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO TAKE PLACE FIRST. AT LEAST SOME OF THIS WOULD BE BILATERAL. THE RESULTS WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

3. THE BRITISH POSED NO PROBLEM DURING THE PARIS MEETING. THE LABOR GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE EC DISCUSSION, AND IT HAD KEPT ITS WORD. THE BRITISH HAD NOT BALKED AT THE IDEA OF AN EVENTUAL SUMMIT MEETING.

4. THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOKPLACE IN PARIS ON HOW TO  
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CONSTRUCT EUROPE LARGELY CONCERNED POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE EC-9. THE CONCEPT IS TO STREAMLINE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, NOT CREATE NEW ONES. FOLLOWING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S IDEAS, EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON STREAMLINING VOTING IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS GIVING THE COUNCIL A MORE CENTRAL ROLE, AND CUTTING DOWN THE AUTHORITY OF THE OTHER MINISTERIAL BODIES. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS VIEWED ALL OF THIS POSITIVELY.

5. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF MILITARY SECURITY QUESTIONS. VAN WELL STATED THIS WAS DUE, INTER ALIA, TO THE LIMITATIONS WHICH GISCARD FELT HIMSELF UNDER. NOR WAS THERE ANY DETAILED EXAMINATION OF ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL MATTERS.

6- ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, CYPRUS AND GREECE WERE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY. THE GENERAL MOOD AMONG THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WAS TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THE TURKS TO MAKE POSITIVE GESTURES SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE GREEKS TO RESUME TALKS. IF THIS IS SUCCESSFUL, THE EC WOULD THEN WORK ON THE GREEKS TO GET THEM TO RESPOND POSITIVELY. WHILE THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS FAVOR TALKS AMONG THOSE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED, THERE WAS SOME SKEPTICISM AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRIPARTITE MECHANISM. THERE WAS LIKEWISE SKEPTICISM AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF A

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FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION BETWEEN KARAMANLIS AND ECEVIT--  
THE RISKS OF FAILURE WERE TOO GREAT. NOR WAS MUCH HOPE  
PLACED IN TALKS BETWEEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH. THE EC-9  
WERE DISAPPOINTED AT TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND THE FACT  
THAT THE TURKS PAID NO ATTENTION TO EC-9 OPINIONS.

7. AID TO CYPRUS WAS ALSO CONSIDERED. THE MINISTERS  
WILL RECEIVE A REPORT ON WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED  
AND WHAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS UNDER WAY.

8. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION AS TO HOW TO STRENGTHEN  
DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES IN GREECE. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT  
GREECE SHOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
BY MEANS OF AN INVITATION ISSUED FROM STRASBOURG. THE  
POLITICAL DIRECTORS REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE IDEA OF  
UNFREEZING GREECE'S REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC.  
MONETARY CREDITS WHICH HAD BEEN HELD BACK WOULD BE  
GRANTED AND NEW ONES CONSIDERED. AS FAR AS FULL GREEK  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC IS CONCERNED, THE POLITICAL  
DIRECTORS ARE WILLING TO STUDY THE MATTER BUT BELIEVE  
IT WILL BE A LONG PROCESS.

9. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON  
ENCOURAGING GREECE, BUT LEAVING IT UNDER NO ILLUSIONS  
THAT THE EC MIGHT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR NATO. VAN WELL  
ADDED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER HAD MADE THIS CLEAR TO GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER  
MAVROS. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL THE EC'S PRINCIPAL AIM

SHOULD BE TO LIMIT THE DANGER CONSEQUENT FROM GREECE'S  
WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO.

10. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION  
ABOUT US-EC RELATIONS (AND THUS LITTLE TO REPORT OTHER  
THAN THE MORE FAVORABLE MOOD MENTIONED ABOVE), AND NONE  
AT ALL ABOUT EC-JAPAN RELATIONS. SOME DISCUSSION TOOK  
PLACE CONCERNING EC-CANADIAN RELATIONS. THE FOCUS IN  
THE PARIS EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING WAS ON THE  
PROJECTED VISIT WHICH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WILL MAKE  
TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS LATER THIS YEAR. CANADA HAS ASKED  
FOR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING BOTH "PRINCIPLES" AND A TRADE  
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AGREEMENT; NEITHER IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO THE  
EC-9. THE COMMISSION IS ATTEMPTING TO TURN THE WHOLE  
QUESTION OF EC-CANADIAN RELATIONS INTO A MULTILATERAL  
FRAMEWORK. THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE  
CANADIANS IN NEW YORK ON THE 24TH OR 25TH.

11- KOREA. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL KEEP EACH  
OTHER INFORMED ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NORTH KOREAN  
UN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE. THEY WILL ACT BILATERALLY TO IN-  
FLUENCE COUNTRIES NOT NOW HAVING RELATIONS WITH SOUTH  
KOREA TO ESTABLISH SUCH RELATIONS. THERE WILL BE NO  
JOINT EC-9 POSITION FOR THE UN RESOLUTION. INSTEAD IT  
WILL BE PARTLY SPONSORED AND PARTLY SUPPORTED BY THE EC  
MEMBERS.

12. CAMBODIA. THE EC-9 POSITION REGARDING CAMBODIA IS  
TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID  
AN EXPECTED WESTERN "SETBACK" IN THE UN. IN VIEW OF THE  
GENERAL OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, THE FRG HAS DROPPED THE  
IDEA OF A RESOLUTION ASKING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO GET  
THE TWO CAMBODIAN GROUPS TOGETHER FOR TALKS WHILE LEAV-  
ING IN ABEYANCE THE QUESTION OF WHICH DELEGATION SHOULD  
BE SEATED.

13. NAMIBIA. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT AMONG THE POLITICAL  
DIRECTORS OVER A JOINT DEMARCHE TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA ON  
THE NAMIBIA ISSUE. INSTEAD, SEPARATE REPRESENTATIONS  
WILL BE MADE.  
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